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WTC. Progress



► One World Trade Center has only four more feet to go before it surpasses New York's current tallest structure, the Empire State Building.

Feet away from the city's tallest

One World Trade Center is only days away from being the tallest building in New York. When completed, the tower will stretch 1,368 feet from the sidewalk to the roof, and 1,776 feet high when the antenna is included, a symbolic number that's a nod to the year America declared its independence. Just don't call it Ground Zero: Mayor Michael Bloomberg requested last year that people stop using the phrase because of its negative connotations. {page 02}

Only 1 in 5 young voters thinks US is on track

- Harvard poll: Nearly half of 'Millennial generation' believes the US is headed in the wrong direction
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In the news

Hid in Mickey D's bathroom to rob the place

Cops are searching for a man who robbed a McDonald's in Queens by hiding in the bathroom. Police say that shortly before 11 p.m. on April 19, the suspect entered a McDonald's on Hillside Avenue and hid in the bathroom. After the store closed, he came out and forced two workers into a freezer. He took money, handcuffed the third worker and fled.

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In the news



New Yorkers like Kelly for mayor

New Yorkers like Police Commissioner Ray Kelly better than candidates who are considering a mayoral run, according to a new poll. Kelly, who has said he is not interested in running for the city's top job, has a 63 percent favorability rating in the city, according to the poll by the New York Daily News released yesterday.

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One WTC almost New York's tallest building

► Expected to surpass Empire State Building as early as April 30 ► Tower will reach 1,776 feet high to its antenna ► Tallest in Western Hemisphere



► The tower will top out at 1,776 feet tall.



► This photo, taken yesterday from a webcam at the WTC site, shows the two reflecting pools where the Twin Towers once stood.

One World Trade Center will be the tallest building in New York City — much sooner than expected.

One World Trade Center will become the tallest within the next few days, Patrick Foye, the executive director of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, announced yesterday.

In fact, construction is proceeding so quickly at the WTC that the building is expected

to soar taller than the Empire State Building as early as Monday, April 30, he said.

The Empire State Building is currently New York City's tallest, at 1,250 feet, and One WTC was only four feet below that earlier this month.

"Within the next several days, weather permitting, perhaps as early as Monday, One World Trade Center will be the tallest building in Manhattan," said Foye, speaking at a Crain's

"Within the next several days ... One World Trade Center will be the tallest building in Manhattan." FOYE

breakfast forum yesterday morning in Midtown.

When finished, One World Trade Center will be the tallest building in the United States,

and the entire Western Hemisphere. It will not, however, be the tallest in the world. That title is held by the 2,723-foot Burj Khalifa in Dubai.

The building reached the 100-floor mark earlier this month, on April 2. There will be 104 floors when completed, and One World Trade Center will stretch 1,368 feet high to its rooftop.

But don't forget about the antenna. When the building's antenna will be installed, scheduled to happen in 2013, the building will top out at 1,776 feet. When that happens, Foye said, there will be a "topping-out ceremony," according to CBS.

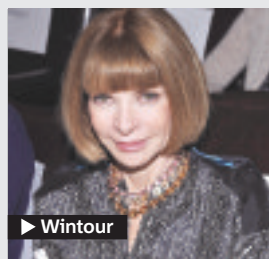
Construction started on One World Trade Center, formerly nicknamed the Freedom Tower, six years ago.



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Still looking for tenants

NEW YORK. Just more than half of the building, or 55 percent, is leased, said Foye yesterday, so there's still plenty of space left for those who want to join Anna Wintour and her Vogue crowd.



► Wintour

One of the main tenants, Conde Nast Publications, will take up 1 million square feet in the building, occupying floors 20 through 41.

A Chinese real estate firm called Vantone also signed a deal to take up 200,000 square feet at the site. METRO/CB

Now sky-high after years of headache

One World Trade Center may finally be soaring to-

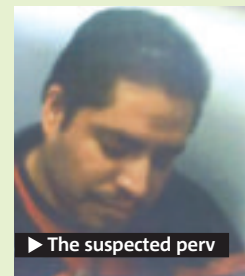
wards the heavens, but the office tower is not without its long history of cost overruns and delays.

► Its former developer, Larry Silverstein, was notorious for his public feuds with the Port Authority, and completion

dates for the entire complex have been pushed back repeatedly during the past decade.

► The price tag to build One WTC skyrocketed to \$3.8 billion this year, making it far and away the world's most expensive office tower.

► That cost is in part due to the many security measures put in place at the building. It sits on a reinforced podium, and has a thick core of concrete around its elevator shafts, to protect the building's integrity in case of an explosion. METRO/CB



► The suspected perv

Search on for subway photog perv

UNDERGROUND. Police have released a photo of a man wanted for using his cell phone to take a picture up a woman's skirt. Officers were approached by a 24-year-old woman on April 18 who told them that a man had taken the photo on the 4 train. She used her own cell phone to take a picture of the suspect, which she sent to police. He has brown eyes, short black hair and a mustache. If you recognize this man, you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-577-TIPS (8477).

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Two NJ troopers suspended

NEW JERSEY. New Jersey removed two state troopers from active duty after reports of a high-speed caravan of Porsches, Lamborghinis and Ferraris led by police cruisers on the Garden State Parkway last month. Sgt. Nadir Nassry, 47, and Trooper Joseph Ventrella, 28, were suspended without pay.

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Cop charged in alleged hit-and-run

QUEENS. An NYPD officer was arrested and charged with leaving the scene of a crime after he allegedly hit an elderly woman with his car. According to the police department, Michael Fantroy, 42, struck the woman on April 15. Prosecutors say he went through a stop sign in Hollis, Queens, and ran over the woman but kept going. She survived. METRO/AB

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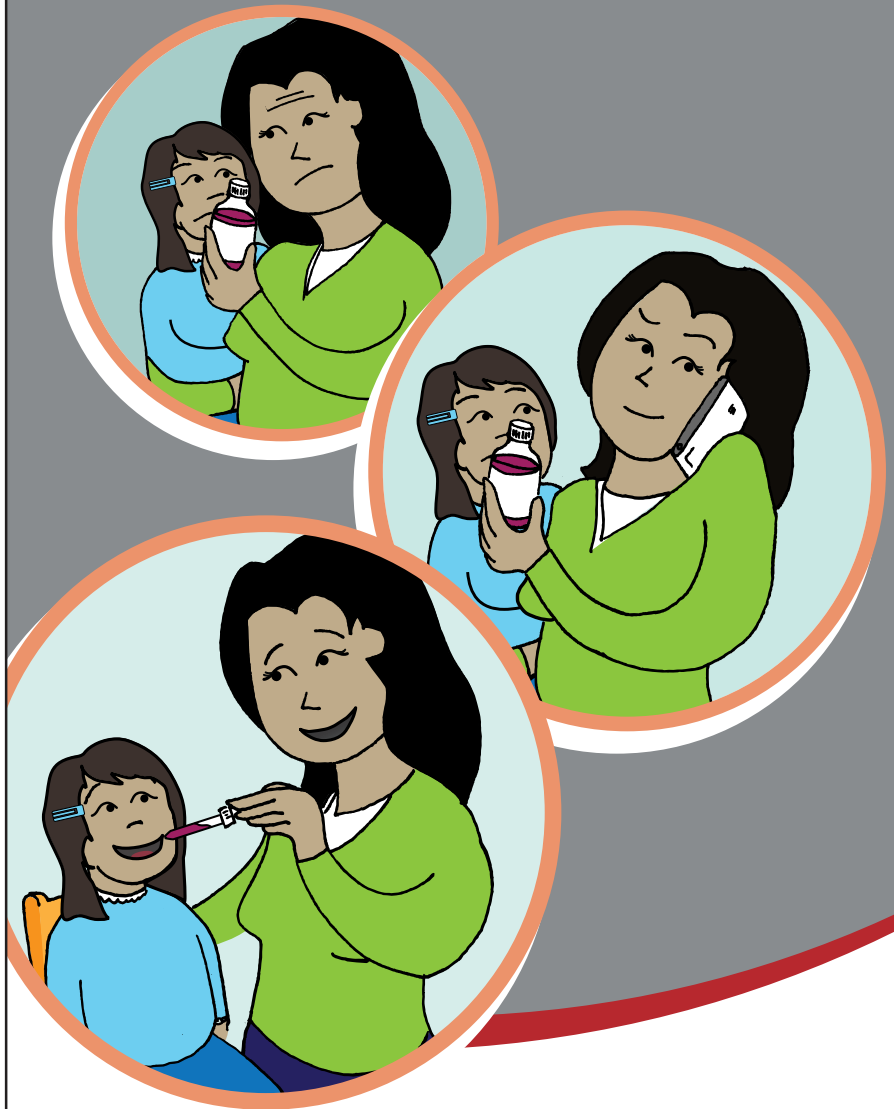
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► New York City's elected officials wear jeans instead of blazers to raise awareness ► One in 5 US women has been raped ► Many victims assaulted by age 25

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► Denim Day was created after an Italian judge dismissed the case of an 18-year-old woman who said she was raped, saying her jeans were so tight she had to have helped the man remove them.

New Yorkers are encouraged to wear jeans today in support of sexual assault victims.

Politicians and advocates rallied yesterday on the steps of City Hall for Denim Day, which highlights sexual assault and dating violence. They encouraged people to wear jeans while making the point that no clothing, no matter how laid-back or how risqué, is ever an invitation to sexual crimes.

Denim Day stems from a Supreme Court case in Italy in the 1990s, when a judge said the victim's tight jeans meant that she probably helped her attacker remove them.

"We are more than what we wear," Brooklyn Councilwoman Letitia James said. "We

should not be defined by what we wear, and we should not be objectified."

A December report by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention revealed that 1 in 5 women in the United States has been raped.

"The numbers are astounding," Queens Councilwoman

Julissa Ferreras said.

Ferreras, who wore jeans to the event and has sponsored Council hearings about street harassment, said that clothing can sometimes invite an unwelcome reaction on the street.

"These jeans unfortunately sometimes become a signal of how much we're going to get harassed on that day," she said.

Dozens of men and women packed the steps of City Hall from groups like the Joyful Heart Foundation, headed by "Law & Order: SVU" actress Mariska Hargitay, which helps victims of sexual assault.

80

About 80 percent of victims experienced their first rape before the age of 25, according to the CDC's report, the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey.



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Recent sex crimes in New York City

Recently, a man the media nicknamed the "dapper groper" was arrested and accused of groping women throughout Manhattan. In March, former NYPD officer Michael Pena was convicted

of sexually assaulting a teacher at gunpoint as she was on her way to work.

Manhattan Borough President Scott Stringer will host a self-defense workshop today at 4 p.m. at Marta Valle High School, on the Lower East Side.

"This is not right," he said at City Hall, referring to the statistic that 20 percent of women across the U.S. have been raped. "This is not acceptable."

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Rape, sex crimes up

The number of alleged rapes in New York City has increased 4 percent this year, according to NYPD statistics. There were 365 rapes at this time last year, compared to 380 as of April 8, according to NYPD data.

Misdemeanor sexual crimes, like groping, also increased 15 percent, from 757 to 873, according to police statistics. ● METRO/AB



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Enterprise space shuttle set to land in New York Friday

▶ NASA shuttle supposed to land in city on Monday, but canceled due to a rain delay ▶ Mounted to a plan, will do a flyover of Manhattan before landing at JFK

After a weekend rain delay, the space shuttle Enterprise is now scheduled to arrive in New York, its new home, this Friday.

The Enterprise will be flown into John F. Kennedy airport strapped to the back of a NASA 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft. It is scheduled to land between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Friday.

The Enterprise was supposed to be flown into the city on Monday, but officials canceled those plans after rainy

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The shuttle is expected to attract a million visitors each year to the Intrepid Museum.

weather earlier this week.

The NASA space craft is currently sitting at Dulles International Airport in Washington, D.C.

Before landing at JFK, the plane will do a flyover of New

York City, gliding at a low altitude over city neighborhoods and landmarks, such as the Statue of Liberty.

Once it touches down at JFK, the Enterprise will be stored in a hangar until June. Then it will be placed onto a barge and pulled by tugboat up the Hudson River to the Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum, where it will be lifted by crane onto the flight deck.

The museum's Intrepid exhibit is scheduled to open this summer, in a specially created

glass exhibit.

Previously, the Enterprise was on display at the Smithsonian. At NASA, the Enterprise was used to test landings after it was built in 1976, and was never actually flown into space. The last time it was in the air was in 1985, when it arrived in D.C. from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida and was donated to the Smithsonian.



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The shuttle that never saw space

The Enterprise was one of several retired shuttles given to museums across the country in April of 2011. The Smithsonian Institute will keep the Discovery, the Kennedy Space Center in Florida will have the Atlantis and the California Science Center in Los Angeles will

get the Endeavor.

- ▶ Despite its prestigious role in NASA's space program, its Friday flight might rank close to as high as it ever flew: The Enterprise never went to space.
- ▶ The shuttle never went higher than 30,000 feet. It was a prototype that was primarily used for training, NASA officials said. Still, astronauts such as Apollo 13 veteran Fred Haise piloted test runs with the shuttle.



▶ In this photo provided by NASA, the space shuttle Enterprise is mated to the NASA 747 Shuttle Carrier Aircraft at Washington Dulles International Airport.

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Pollution problem. Balloons



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Greenpeace a dark cloud for Apple

Environmental group Greenpeace released dozens of black helium balloons inside Apple's Fifth Avenue store yesterday afternoon to protest the tech giant's use of coal for powering its data centers. The "Clean our Cloud" campaign calls on tech companies like Apple to use renewable energy to maintain their cloud technology. Activists were kicked out of the store after showing up in "cleaning crew" outfits and releasing the balloons. ● METRO/CG

NYPD: Harlem man shot his sister, mom

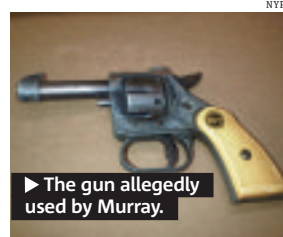
► Man, 28, accused of killing his 13-year-old sister and shooting mother ► Gunfire exchanged with police

A 28-year-old man suspected of shooting his mother and fatally shooting his young sister is in critical condition at Harlem Hospital after exchanging gunfire with police early yesterday morning.

According to the NYPD, officers responded to a 911 call after neighbors heard shots fired at 2971 Eighth Avenue at 155th Street. People living in the public housing complex there said they heard the shootings at around 3:30 a.m. yesterday.

Inside the apartment, police found two gunshot victims lying on the floor, a mother and daughter.

The 13-year-old girl had a gunshot wound to her head. Her mother, a 44-year-old woman, suffered multiple gun-



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shot wounds.

The teenager was pronounced dead at the scene, but her mother was rushed to Harlem Hospital. She was in critical condition yesterday evening.

The mother, gravely wounded and fading in and out of consciousness, told police the shooter was her 28-year-old son, Steven Murray.

Officers canvassed the area and spotted the suspect running near 155th Street and Eighth Avenue. Police chased him and exchanged gunfire with him, according to the NYPD. The suspect was struck in the legs and torso. The officers involved in the chase were uninjured.

Police recovered a .22 caliber handgun from Murray, who is in serious condition at Harlem Hospital.

It is unclear what led to the shooting, but according to the Daily News, friends of the slain girl said she told them her brother had been drinking before the shooting.



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Facebook profits' surprise decline



► Investors are still likely to sign up in droves for the IPO.

Facebook Inc. reported its first quarter-to-quarter revenue slide in at least two years, a sign that the social network's sizzling growth may be cooling as it prepares to go public in the biggest ever Internet IPO.

The company blamed the first-quarter decline, which surprised some on Wall Street, on seasonal advertising trends.

"It was a faster slowdown than we would have guessed," said Brian Wieser, an analyst with Pivotal Research Group.

"No matter how you slice it, for a company that is perceived as growing so rapidly, to slow so much on whatever basis —

"It was a faster slowdown than we would have guessed."

BRIAN WIESER, ANALYST WITH PIVOTAL RESEARCH GROUP

sequentially or annually — it will be somewhat concerning to investors if faced with a lofty valuation," Wieser said.

Facebook is preparing to raise at least \$5 billion in an initial public offering that could value the world's largest social network at up to \$100 billion. **REUTERS**

Calif. to consider death penalty repeal

LOS ANGELES. California voters will decide in November whether to repeal the death penalty in a state that is home to nearly a quarter of the nation's death row inmates. This is in response to activists collecting the more than 500,000 signatures needed to put the measure on the ballot.

The ballot initiative focuses on the high cost of the death penalty in a state that has executed 13 people since capital punish-



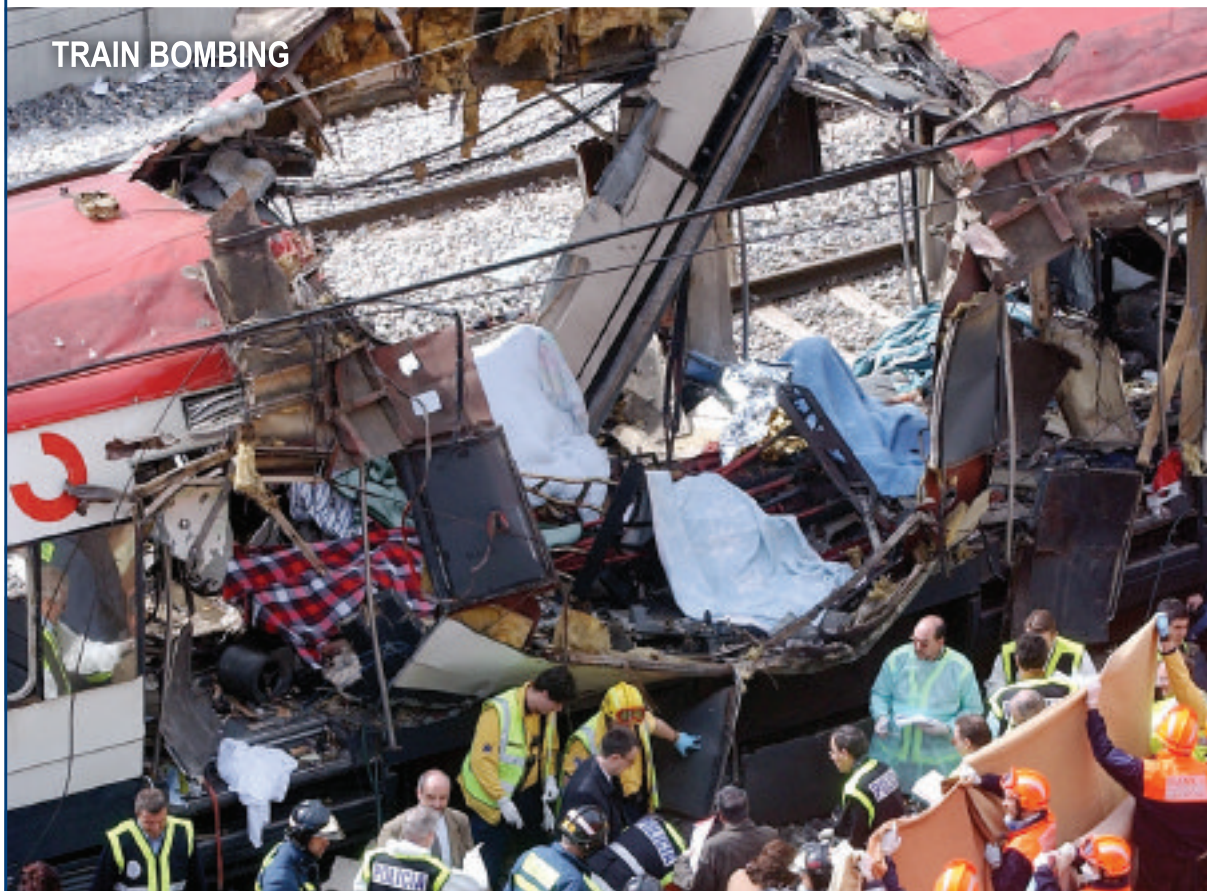
► California could join 17 other states without capital punishment.

ment was reinstated in the nation in 1976. Another 723 inmates sit on death row pending lengthy and expensive appeals.

The move would abolish execution as the maximum sentence in murder convictions and replace it with life imprisonment. **REUTERS**

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The kids are all, eh, whatever man

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Campaign season has so far focused on a variety of target demographics. We had women voters, we had Catholic voters, we even had mom voters — some of whom were probably women Catholics! This week it's all about the kiddos.

President Barack Obama, calling for a freeze of interest rates on student loans, had planned a weeklong effort to woo the young voters that helped propelled him to victory in 2008. "In America, higher education cannot be a luxury," he said in his radio address.

Unsurprisingly, Romney jumped on that ship — to the chagrin of his Republican allies

in the House, who see the estimated \$6 billion price tag of such an effort as unacceptable. "I fully support the effort to extend the low interest rate on student loans," Romney stated.

Romney's pivot may be due to fears that Obama could again carry the youth. "I think this is a time when young people are questioning the support they gave to President Obama three and a half years ago," Romney said Monday. "He promised bringing the country together. That sure hasn't happened."

Yes, and Romney's going to do his damndest to make sure that certainly doesn't happen in the next few months!

But hey, cynicism aside, this is good for students and families. Election season is one of those rare moments when we



► This kid appears skeptical.

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can actually extract real concessions from candidates desperate for our support.

Whether the strategy of courting young voters will pay off is another question. The youth vote (from those 18 to 29 years old) has actually been on the decline since a recent high of 24 percent of the electorate in 1984. Obama's "historic" rallying of this demographic represented 18 percent of that electorate — up, it's true, from a low of some 17 percent in the years between 1996 and 2004. One whole point!

The 2008 Obama campaign galvanized those inclined to vote. Can Romney do the same? Well, do robots carry umbrellas? We don't know, actually.

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Youth vote by numbers

66%

Obama pulled 66 percent of youth voters in the 2008 presidential election, according to national exit polls.

17%

The president is currently polling 17 points above Mitt

Romney among that same constituency, according to an online survey conducted by Harvard University's Institute of Politics released April 9, 2012, 43 percent to 26 percent.

50%

Romney, naturally, blames Obama's policies for "the weakest recovery since the Great Depression, where 50 percent of recent college graduates are unemployed or underemployed."

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Few young voters think US is headed in right direction

► Poll among Millennial generation finds those who helped Obama in 2008 much less politically engaged

More youths believe the country is "on the wrong track" than those who believe it is headed in the right direction, according to a poll released yesterday by Harvard's Institute of Politics.

The national poll focused on those in the Millennial generation — people who are between the ages of 18 and 29 — and was conducted between March 23 and April 9.

The poll of 3,096 people also found that 58 percent of those surveyed said jobs and the economy are the national issues that concerns them the most.

Those results come on the heels of a review by The Associated Press that showed that one in two college graduates in 2012 are either jobless or underemployed.

But those figures don't necessarily mean good news for Mitt Romney, the likely Republican presidential nominee who will challenge President Barack Obama.

"Although this generation is not as supportive of President Obama and Democrats as they may have been in the historic 2008 campaign, this in no way implies that the Republican Party has successfully captured the hearts, minds and votes of Millennials," said John Della Volpe, Harvard Institute of Poli-



► Barack Obama knows how to reach a hip, young audience — be on "Late Night With Jimmy Fallon."

43%

Most likely to vote for President Obama

26%

Most likely to vote for Mitt Romney

30%

Don't know who most likely to vote for

tics polling director.

Obama's approval rating among Millennials improved to 52 percent from a new low of 46 percent late last year. The in-

crease is important for Obama who was helped to victory in 2008 by the demographic.

He was also helped to victory by a winning grassroots effort. But the poll suggests that the same enthusiasm for this year's presidential election is not there.

Nearly 80 percent of those surveyed do not consider themselves politically engaged.

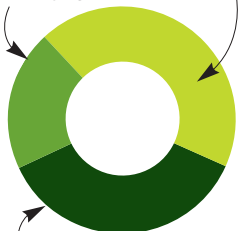
Yesterday Obama made an effort to reach out to the generation when he addressed them directly during a speech on student loan issues as part of a tour of three college campuses this week. He was also set to appear on "Late Night with Jimmy Fallon" early this morning.



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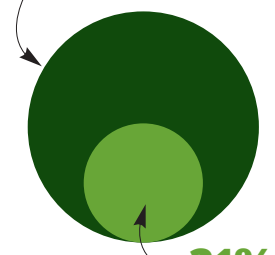
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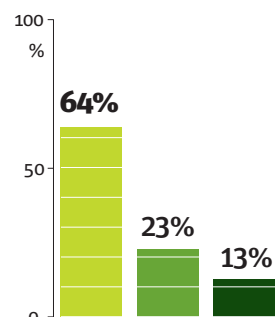
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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip [@dorothyatmetro](#) dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Celebrity fetus roundup



The feed ...

► Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Jimmy Kimmel is paying his respects, Katy Perry knows what dead musician she wants to see next, Nia Vardalos is feeling the heat, and Albert Brooks has some theories about defense strategy.

@jimmykimmel
I had the pleasure of working with Dick Clark many times - great guy. Some trivia: did you know he HATED music?

@katyperry
When is the Sublime hologram coming to coachella?! #805

@NiaVardalos
Just back from Disneyland, sunblock wore off, my shnozz has been replaced by an eggplant.

@AlbertBrooks
I wonder if the U.S. purposely sends out crappy drones so when they're captured China & Iran get bad info?



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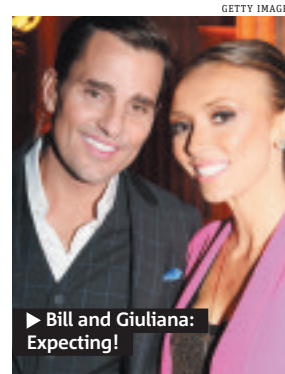


► Jessica Simpson in March (!) on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno."

COURTESY NBC

It's a slow gossip day, so let's check in with everyone's favorite subject: The uteri of the stars!

First up: **Jessica Simpson**, who, it should be noted, is still pregnant. (At this point, does anyone else feel like Simpson is going to be in the Guinness Book of World Records for "Mammal with the Longest Gestation Period," right next to: "Elephant"?) "I just woke up from a dream that I wore a leopard caftan in the hospital. Fabulous!!" Simpson tweeted yesterday. "Now I need to find one!" Even the "Fashion Star" mentor knows that this is a seemingly never-ending pregnancy: "To everyone who keeps congratulating me on the birth of my baby girl...I'm still pregnant!!" Simpson tweeted Saturday. "Don't believe what you read ladies and gents."



► Bill and Giuliana: Expecting!

Meanwhile, Life & Style is reporting that **Drew Barrymore**, who has yet to confirm her pregnancy, is, like Simpson, having a girl. A source close to Drew "exclusively revealed" to the mag the sex of the child. "She's so excited," the source adds.

I'd take this news with a grain of salt, folks, as no "close" friend would sell out such sacred information to a tabloid. That being said, there's a 50-50 chance that this made-up information is correct. Good job of hedging your bets, Life & Style!

And, just in case you missed it: **Giuliana and Bill Rancic**, whose struggles with infertility are well documented, announced Monday on "Today" that they are going to have a baby via a gestational carrier. "She is giving us the greatest gift we're ever getting in our lives," Giuliana, 37, tells People of the woman whose identity has not been revealed. "She's so selflessly helping make our dream a reality. We adore her."

Let's hope this gestational carrier isn't on the Jessica Simpson timeline of giving birth.

Talking points

Jolie's new role: UN special convoy

While celebrating her engagement to **Brad Pitt** with the whole family in the Galapagos Islands, **Angelina Jolie** still made time for some work, heading to Quito,

Ecuador, to meet with government officials, check in on refugee settlements and help work on self-sustaining agricultural projects, all as part of her work as a special envoy for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, according to the L.A. Times. But after her duties were complete, it was back to the Galapagos, where Jolie, Pitt and their six children continued celebrating. "They've

been splitting their time between a private villa and on a yacht, which they've taken to various islands in the Galapagos region," a source tells Us Weekly.

Segel and Williams: It's on!

Jason Segel went to great lengths to avoid the cameras and still catch the premiere of girlfriend **Michelle Williams'** new movie, "Take This Waltz," at the Tribeca Film Festival. The "Five-Year Engagement" star dodged the red carpet to "sneak through the back entrance to be there with Michelle," a source says, according to Hollyscoop. Of course, there was no such sneaking around when it came to the after-party, where the pair packed on the public displays of affection. "There was no mistaking that they were a couple," says a source. "They seemed very comfortable and happy to be there celebrating together."



► Jolie in Ecuador, doin' good.

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Celeb. Spotting



► The couple that does Coachella together ...

GETTY IMAGES

Katy Perry's new man

Katy Perry was spotted at the Coachella music festival holding hands, cuddling and generally acting like a couple with Florence and the Machine guitarist **Robert Ackroyd**, according to Hollyscoop. Of course, Perry has also recently been linked to French singer and model **Baptiste Giabiconi**, with his rep going so far as to confirm their getting to know each other.



Which is scarier? Janice, Jack, a raven or Bon Jovi's teeth?

1. Jack White performed live on stage during a one-off solo concert in support of his debut solo album "Blunderbuss," at the Kentish Town Forum on Monday in London.

2. John Cusack brought the perfect red carpet date for the premiere of his new film, "The Raven" on Monday in Los Angeles.

3. Janice Dickinson attended WWJD - What Would Janice Do? at XL Nightclub on Monday in New York City. Apparently, Janice "would" appear to be crazy.

4. Jon Bon Jovi was all smiles at the Bloomberg Panel & Reception during the 2012 Tribeca Film Festival on Monday in New York.

5. Eric McCormack attended

"The Lyons" opening night at the Cort Theatre on April 23, 2012 in New York City.

6. Malin Akerman and Topher Grace attended the Tribeca Film Festival's after-party for "The Giant Mechanical Man,"

hosted by Stolichnaya Vodka, at Catch Roof on Monday night in New York City.

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What a Journey it's been

► The arena rockers have a new singer and an even newer movie ► Lead vocalist Arnel Pineda on his past hardships and meteoric rise to fame

It's been four and half years since Journey hit YouTube in search of a new lead singer. The band stumbled upon Filipino singer Arnel Pineda, and after flying him to the U.S. to hear him audition, knew they had struck gold. In the new documentary "Don't Stop Believin': Everyman's Journey," viewers get a look at Pineda's life before and since achieving stardom. The singer spoke to Metro about his wild ride.

What did you think when you first saw the movie?

I can't stand looking at myself in a movie or hearing myself singing. For me, it's too weird. I'm my worst critic. But then, a big part of me is saying, look at the brighter side: This movie is going to inspire and give hope to a lot of people. It kind of gave me the comfort zone, like, OK, the movie's not bad at all.

When you got the e-mail from guitarist Neal Schon inviting you to audition, you almost didn't take him up on his offer.

I [didn't] believe that Neal — he's a guitar god, he's from one of the biggest bands in the world — would contact me to try out for the position of singer. [Laughs] It was the weirdest e-mail of all. But then it was actually him after all.

People always say you sound just like Steve Perry. Do you ever wish you had a voice that was more distinctively your own?

Well, you know what, this is what God gave me. I can't change it. It's me who's suffering when I try to change it. So from the moment that I realized that it's not gonna change, I just went with it.



► From left: Journey members Neal Schon, Jonathan Cain and Arnel Pineda attended the Tribeca premiere of their film on Thursday.

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► Arnel Pineda, the new lead singer of Journey, is the subject of "Don't Stop Believin': Everyman's Journey."

COURTESY OF THE TRIBECA FILM FESTIVAL

How much of your personality is infused in Journey's songs?

I think a lot, now, because if you try to listen very carefully, Mr. Steve Perry's voice is very distinctive. You know it's his voice when you hear it, even from afar, and not mine. So I think I was able to put a new twist on Journey's legacy songs, and then the new ones that we recorded together.

You talk at length in the film about struggling with addiction. Was that difficult to discuss?

No. Those things, which almost destroyed my voice, I'm not uncomfortable talking about. I'm actually comfortable, and I am more confident talking about it because I want the young generation to know what drugs can do to you.

But what if it sends the opposite message, since you're now a superstar?

No, I'm not a superstar, c'mon. I think we should always be aware of our surroundings and we should really listen to our parents. And if we truly, truly believe that we are going somewhere because of our talent or because of our dreams, you're gonna get there as long as you believe in yourself. There shouldn't be anything in this world that should stop you.

What do you want viewers to take away from the film?

Well, faith. Keep the faith and then never, never, never disregard yourself as a loser, because each and every one of us always wins in the end. As long as you side [with] the good side, you always win.



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Also onstage



► Good Old War play tonight at 8 at Bowery Ballroom (6 Delancey Street). Tickets are \$18 to \$20. For more info, visit www.boweryballroom.com.

A good year for Good Old War

We're only four months into 2012, but it has already been a good year for Philadelphia folk-pop trio Good Old War. Their third full-length album, "Come Back As Rain," was released on the Sargent House label in early March, and it debuted at No. 1 on Billboard's Heatseekers chart. For the last several weeks, the band has been trekking across the country on a headlining tour in support of the album, and the road leads to a gig at Bowery Ballroom tonight.

But the biggest thing Good Old War has done so far this year was perform on "Conan" earlier this month, when Conan O'Brien's other guests were "Parks And Recreation" star Aziz Ansari and Christina Hendricks of "Mad Men." They played "Better Weather," which, like most of the new songs, is a jovial and optimistic tune about love and friendship that showcases the trio's warmhearted vocal harmonies. As it turns out, though, the

band's late-night television debut was not quite as glamorous as they expected.

"I could create a story to make it sound cooler," jokes drummer-vocalist Tim Arnold, who talks on his cell phone while the tour van heads toward Iowa for that night's show. "Like, me and Christina fell in love, and Aziz and I were cracking jokes the whole time, but it wasn't really like that. We arrived at 8 in the morning, sound-checked and then basically sat around all day."

Not that it completely lacked Hollywood glamour. "We did get massages," Arnold continues, "so that was cool. Going into it, we imagined we'd be drinking cocktails, rubbing shoulders with celebs and hanging out with Conan. But I guess Conan's a busy guy, because we didn't really see him. Christina walked past me once, but there was no schmoozing outside the dressing room," says Arnold, as his bandmates Keith Goodwin and Dan Schwartz crack up in the background. "But all jokes aside, it was an amazing experience."

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► That's Miiike with two i's and three guys, from left, Wyatt, Winnberg and Karlsson.

When Andrew Wyatt, Christian Karlsson and Pontus Winnberg started synth pop band Miiike Snow, they already had hit singles under their belts. Among others, Karlsson and Winnberg authored Britney Spears' "Toxic" and Wyatt co-wrote Bruno Mars' Grammy-winning "Grenade." Then Miiike Snow scored their own hits with the brilliant "Ani-

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mal" and "Sylvia."

"I don't think we ever expected to have any hits on that first album. While we were making it, we were still working on songs for other people and I think we were in the mindset of verse chorus, verse chorus," Wyatt told Metro from the Coachella festival days before launching their U.S. tour.

► The band whose name sounds like the name of one guy is actually three guys who have helped write hit songs for Britney Spears and Bruno Mars ► Now is the time for some hits of their own

So, who was Wyatt checking out at Coachella?

It is important to note that Metro spoke with Wyatt before the first appearance of hologram Tupac, but it looks like he was going to witness it anyway.

"I'm a fan of SBTRKT, but he's playing the exact same time we are," he said. "Pulp is playing tonight; I really want to see that. I want to see the Snoop Dogg and Dr. Dre show. The Horrors, yeah, so many bands I want to check out. M83, I missed him in Stockholm so I want to catch him."

When it came to their March-released second album, "Happy to You," their creative world was quite a different place. "We toured with a lot of different bands and checked out a lot of different stuff. Then when we went back into the studio to do this record what came out was different from the beginning," said Wyatt, adding that hit singles

were far from their minds.

"The goal is not to have hits at all," he said. "Hits come in the most oblique way. If it happens then it's part of a sign to either not live your life rent check to rent check, or time to have the freedom to do something else, or time to reach a lot of different people. You can't really control how that happens." ● LINDA LABAN

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'Total Blackout'

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'Locked Up Abroad'

REALITY. The series that always makes a good case for choosing to nix that vacation abroad and save your money instead opens Season 6 with a profile of an actor who took a real-life role as a drug mule and wound up in a Pakistani prison. **Season premiere, 10 p.m., National Geographic** ● AMBER RAY

Correction

In the April 24 review of "Clybourne Park," we incorrectly identified the writer of "A Raisin in the Sun." Lorraine Hansberry penned the play. Metro regrets the error.

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Is the digital world killing creativity?

Sure, you can use that smartphone to create an emotionally stirring Instagram of the waffles you had for brunch in mere seconds. But that same device can also serve as a ball and chain for the working world: e-mails constantly arrive, even during off hours; LinkedIn requests buzz after networking events; and has that important new contact followed you on Twitter yet?

While our current age of digital disruption has opened a cornucopia of new casual creative endeavors, the networked generation's ability to multitask — and the constant need for instantaneous action — may also be hindering creativity.

Consider this: In a recent global study, three-quarters of respondents said their creative potential is being stifled. More than 60 percent of Americans said their education systems squelch



► Twenty-five percent of survey respondents said they spend time at work being creative.

creativity, and a majority of total respondents said pressure at work hurts creativity. Yet 80 percent of respondents worldwide said allowing creativity to flourish is critical to economic growth.

Those numbers come from a recent survey of 5,000 adults in the United States, United Kingdom, Germany, France and Japan. The study was commissioned by software giant Adobe, and its results were announced

Monday.

Given that Adobe just released the latest version of its wildly popular Creative Suite line of products including Photoshop, Illustrator and InDesign, it's no surprise the company would play up the need for a more hospitable climate for experimentation. But the study's findings do indicate that people worldwide feel unfulfilled creatively.

SAM LAIRD FOR MASHABLE

Study: Macs and malware

► Think your Apple computer is immune to the pitfalls that strike other computers? ► Think again



It's official:
No computer is immune
to viral attacks.

In a challenge to the prevailing belief that Apple computers are immune to the sort of cyberattacks that plague Windows-based machines, research firm Sophos released a study claiming that one in five Macs has malware.

The report, released on Tuesday, is based on a "100,000-strong snapshot" of the millions of Macs that downloaded Sophos's free Mac antivirus software. The study found that 20 percent of Macs were carrying one or more instances of Windows malware.

Such malware doesn't cause symptoms unless the Mac owners run Windows on their machines, but it can be spread to others.

However, this doesn't appear to be solely a Windows-based problem. The report also found that 2.7 percent of Macs were infected with Mac OS malware. The majority of such Mac OS malware is composed of fake antivirus attacks, like the recent Flashback botnet. Mac owners can contract such malware by downloading e-mail attach-

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To avoid downloading such malware, Sophos recommends running an antivirus program and keeping it up to date, exercising caution about which links you click on, keeping software patches current and keeping an eye out for e-mail-based scams.

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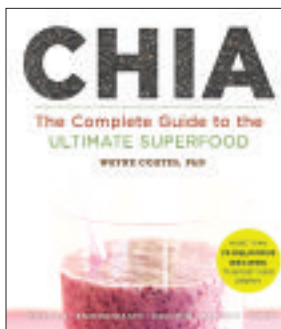
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What's the deal with chia seeds?

► We've been hearing about their supposedly amazing benefits a lot lately ► One chia fan offers his input

It's not just for pet plants anymore: Chia seeds are one of spring's biggest health fads, touted as aiding everything from weight loss to heart health. Is this seed, from which Chia Pets are grown, really a miracle food? "I've been working with it for 20 years, and we're still learning about chia," says Wayne Coates, Ph.D., author of "Chia: The Complete Guide to the Ultimate Superfood." "What we have found is that it lowers cholesterol, reduces inflammation [and] can help weight loss — and diabetics have been able to reduce their medications."

Chia, which contains valuable omega-3s, fiber, broad-spectrum antioxidants and protein, is a member of the mint family. It's native to southern Mexico and Guatemala and was likely used by ancient peoples there.



More about chia

- The versatility of chia seeds makes them a great topper for foods like oatmeal and yogurt, says Metro's nutrition consultant, Joy Bauer.
- The seeds absorb liquid from the body. To avoid constipation and cramping, drink plenty of water.

Many years ago, Dr. Coates, an agricultural engineer and founder of the website Azchia.com, oversaw commercial chia cultivation in Argentina. Initially, it was used as animal feed.

"We saw how good it was, how magical," he says, adding that he saw not only horse hooves grow quicker, but his wife's fingernails, too.

Dr. Coates says he's seen no adverse affects, but advises eating only black or white seeds.

"Brown are immature, they're bad," he says. Immature seeds are likely to have fewer nutrients.

"Obviously I have a vested interest, but we've seen a lot of interesting things. Chia can seriously help the health of this country," Dr. Coates says, "and of the world."

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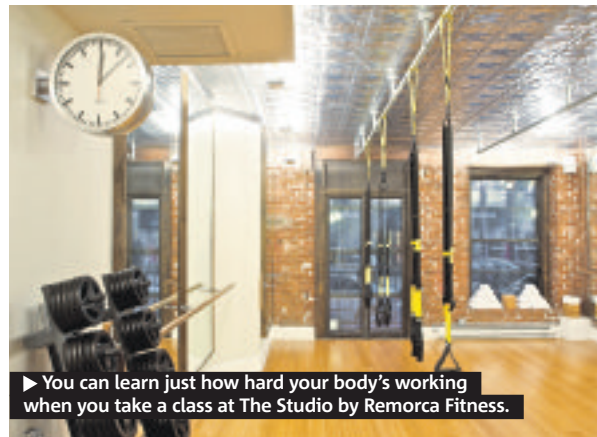
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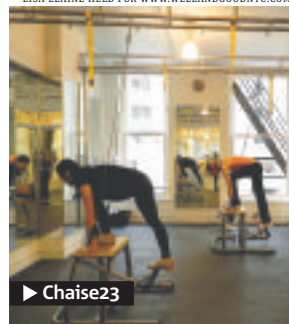
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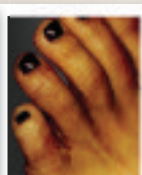
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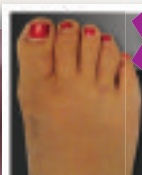
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Is it designed to marginalize us?

RE: "WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF MORE COULD VOTE?": Americans seemingly aren't ready for mandatory health care, but how about mandatory voting? That's the way they do it in Australia. (You pay a \$20 to \$50 fine if you don't vote!) The result: 95 percent voter turnout and politicians that campaign to address the needs of the masses rather than desires of the lunatic fringe. Let's try that. **WALTER BLAKE, VIA E-MAIL**

Mr. Jenkins, I wholeheartedly agree with you that "we should end the electoral college." It is an obsolete procedure. In the 18th Century, America was largely rural and most people were farmers who knew little about politics. In this climate, a di-

rect election of the president would probably have been difficult in any case. In the early days of the nation, electors were chosen due to their wisdom and knowledge of politics, not due to their preference for any particular candidate. However, things have changed. Everyone has access to news and can learn what the candidates' platforms are. Also, today's electors are prone to be biased to one party or the other. Since they can vote for anyone they want, they don't necessarily have to vote for the person that the majority of their state voted for. Just think: If there had been no electoral college in 2000, we wouldn't have had a \$10 trillion deficit, because we wouldn't have been involved in two unfunded wars that resulted in the deaths of more than

6,000 American men and women. Our economy would be in a much better place. **BARB MILUSKI, JERSEY CITY, NJ**

"What is Romney proposing for the middle class?"

RE: "ROMNEY NO BETTER, BUT BOTH ARE BAD": You're stating that President Obama isn't helping the lower-middle class? What about ObamaCare? How many rich people need to worry about getting sick and going to the hospital? What is Romney proposing for the middle class like me and so many people like me? I'm not claiming that President Obama is the "ideal" image of what a president is — but when the people have the choice between Obama and

Romney, you won't see a lot of people voting for Romney in November while they're worrying about what will happen to their health insurance. **SEHRISH SULTAN, QUEENS**

At the risk of becoming very technical, Kelly Donnoe is full of it! What's being described is monetary policy, not economics. The purchasing power of money is not set by the federal government, but by the prices found in the marketplace. So printing up more money doesn't automatically change its value. **JOSEPH CONNELL, BROWNSVILLE**

Crying fowl?! What a turkey!

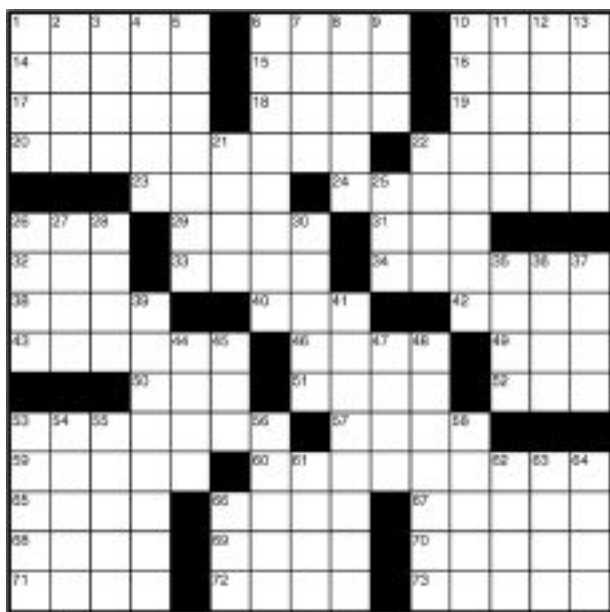
RE: "CAN WE WAIT?": In Brayden Simms' piece on Romney, he writes that Romney may carry "even a majority of those who have been crying fowl for months over his allegedly moderate credentials." I guess he is referring to those who consider Romney to be chicken? Or maybe a turkey? In any case, that's a foul English error. **JOHN BONAVIA, VIA E-MAIL**

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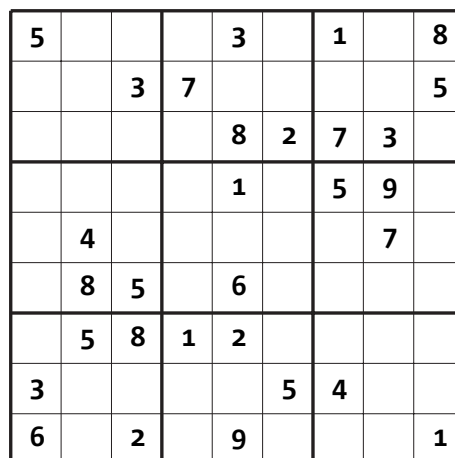
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- 47 Leave the dock
- 48 Tanned hide
- 53 Wielded a lasso
- 54 Overact
- 55 ____ Kea volcano
- 56 Fictional Frome
- 58 Geneva's river
- 61 Foray
- 62 Back muscles
- 63 Grimm villain
- 64 Moscow turndown
- 66 R.E. Lee's side



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Solution to yesterday's crossword



How to play Sudoku: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Horoscope

♉ **Taurus April 20-May 20.** Even if the price is a bit more than you wanted to spend, now's the time to acquire that special item for which you've long been searching. It isn't likely you'll find anything close to it again.

♊ **Gemini May 21-June 20.** The types of activities that you're likely to find enjoyable are those you can share with good friends and/or family.

♋ **Cancer June 21-July 22.** Being both methodical and purposeful will serve you well, making you far more adept at handling your career or domestic responsibilities. Spend your time accomplishing a difficult task and you'll come out ahead.

♌ **Leo July 23-Aug. 22.** It's to your advantage to spend some time with friends who are more ambitious than frivolous. Even at play, they'll be looking for good opportunities.

♍ **Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** One of your most valuable assets is the ability to turn meager beginnings into substantial products. You can easily take the crumbs that others leave behind and turn them into full, crusty loaves.

♎ **Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** The reason you're able to make an arduous task look so simple is your store of valuable past experience from which to draw. The more you learn, the easier life gets.

♏ **Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Don't deliberately put yourself in a position of having to take on a job you've never done before. But by the same token, don't panic if you are forced into such a thing. Seek out an expert who can offer guidance.

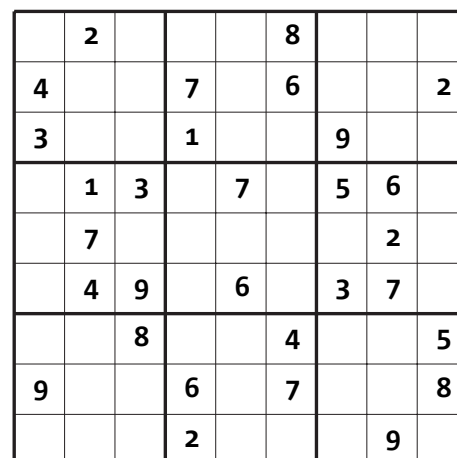
♐ **Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Your ability for figuring out the basic motivation of certain friends could be remarkably accurate and will serve you well. Keep what you learn to yourself, however.

♑ **Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Because of your impressive input, trends and conditions tend to favor you. Continue to devote significant effort toward the achievement of worthy objectives.

♒ **Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Conduct yourself with tolerance and consideration for the frailties of others, especially if you're in an authoritative position.

♓ **Pisces Feb. 20-March 20.** You could benefit in some manner from a source that you normally think of as being merely a backup. It will prove to be not only a substitute, but also a saving grace.

♈ **Aries March 21-April 19.** Your friends and associates will know that you say what you mean and that you can be counted upon to come through for them, even if it ends up inconveniencing you in some manner. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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Knicks talk practice as playoffs near

The Knicks had a rare practice session yesterday in preparation for the final two games of the regular season — home against the Clippers tonight and at Charlotte on Thursday.

As the start of the playoffs officially kicks off this weekend, the Knicks (34-30) have little time to prepare, which is why interim head coach Mike Woodson felt this session was needed.

"We haven't had this day for a long time so we did more conditioning than usual and we used this time as a way to teach, especially on defense," Woodson said. "It was nice to have a day like this."

Center Tyson Chandler agreed it was needed, even though he admitted the lengthy practice came as a surprise to all.

"Today's practice was a little bit different than most practices as we got after it a little bit," he said. "It was definitely more intense, even for guys who thought it was going to be a rest day."

● TONY WILLIAMS

Let's play seven

► Devils join Rangers in forcing decisive Game 7 on Thursday ► Zajac nets game-winner in overtime ► New Jersey regrouped after losing 2-0 lead

The Devils went from sudden death to sudden life.

Travis Zajac scored at 5:39 of overtime to keep New Jersey's 2011-12 season alive with a 3-2 win over the Florida Panthers in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference quarterfinal series at Prudential Center last night. The series is tied 3-3. Game 7 is Thursday night at BankAtlantic Center.

Steve Bernier and Ilya Kovalchuk also scored for the Devils' goals.

Kris Versteeg and Sean Bergenheim scored for Florida.

The teams entered overtime tied at 2-2 despite the Devils' clear territorial advantage through regulation. The Devils outshot Florida, 36-13, in the first two periods and 42-16 for the game.

But Scott Clemmensen kept his team in the game. The Panthers were content to sit back and clog the middle of the ice while the Devils bombed away from the perimeter against Clemmensen, who was deep in his crease for much of the game.

The first two times the Devils solved their former team-



► Travis Zajac scored the game-winner in overtime to keep the Devils' season alive.

mate, he was forced to move laterally. Bernier scored his second goal of the series at 16:37 of the first period by throwing a shot between Clemmensen's skates that opened the scoring. Ko-

valchuk doubled the lead to 2-0 with a backdoor, power play tap-in at 4:21 of second period. Kovalchuk's goal was his third of the series.

Versteeg halved the Devils' lead at 7:05 of the second and

Bergenheim tied the game, 2-2, at the 12:44 mark.

The game remained tied until Zajac's game-winner.

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In the news

No World Peace

Lakers forward Metta World Peace was suspended for seven games yesterday after a vicious elbow to the head of the Thunder's James Harden this weekend.

Harden suffered a concussion in the incident and has yet to return to the court.

The seven-game suspension includes the Lakers' finale against the Kings and then the first six games of the playoffs (or next season).

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Future Hall of Famer Martin Brodeur needed to make just 14 saves to earn the victory. His counterpart, Scott Clemmensen, stopped 39 of 42 Devils' shots.

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Bay, Pelfrey head to DL

Mike Pelfrey and Jason Bay might be two of Mets fans' least liked players. But that doesn't make them any easier to replace.

Both Bay and Pelfrey were placed on the 15-day DL yesterday one day after dropping a doubleheader to the Giants and falling to .500 at 8-8.

Bay fractured a rib on the left side of his body on a diving catch attempt in Game 2 of the twin bill. He stayed in the game for awhile, but came out in the seventh inning.

Reyes returns

Jose Reyes made his return to Citi Field last night in front of a sparse crowd. The former Mets shortstop said he was looking forward to the return and that the Mets hadn't offered him a deal.

▶ "I can't say if I was going to stay here or not," Reyes said before the game, "because they didn't offer anything."

Pelfrey last started on Saturday and said he felt a "grabbing" in his elbow on the first pitches of each inning.

Jon Heyman of CBS Sports reported that Pelfrey had an MRI, and while the extent of the damage is unknown, he was going to see Dr. James Andrews, which is not usually a good sign. He'd started out the season well with a 2.29 ERA in three starts.



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▶ GM Sandy Alderson wouldn't rule out ligament damage.

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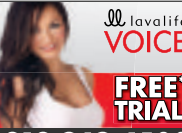
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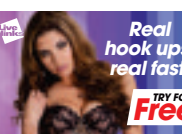
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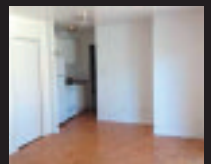
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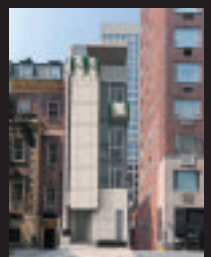
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Neighborhood profile: Jersey City

► With a redeveloped waterfront and a growing nightlife scene, Jersey City has spent the last decade establishing itself residentially ► It has the views and value — and now it has plenty of high-rises filled ► But is the neighbor across the Hudson 'too NYC' for some?

Similar to the development of Queens and Brooklyn, Jersey City gained traction in the '80s when artists moved into the area for cheaper rent. Today, the coast is dominated by high-rise rental and condo towers, such as Crystal Point, which passed the 98 percent sales mark in March, according to The Marketing Directors. And, not unlike the east coast development of Long Island City, several large-scale communities, including Liberty Harbor and Newport, mark the waterfront in Jersey City.

These communities, which mostly attract renters, are hoping that their luring amenities and spacious units will keep

residents happy and that the convenience of the PATH train — 50 cents cheaper than the subway, with a stop right inside the Newport community —

Ones to watch

► One notable new project coming to the market soon is the recently announced 99 Hudson St., a 1,000-unit residential complex that will be the largest rental in N.J. (and one of the Top 5 tallest buildings in the state). More rentals, such as a 422-unit building known as 18 Park or The Laguna, will be coming in 2013.

will bring more of their friends from Manhattan.

"Eighty-five percent of Newport residents work in Manhattan, many in the financial services field with offices downtown," explains Max Gaztambide, head of Residential Asset Management for Newport. "We have a lot of people coming from other parts of Jersey looking for a shorter commute, as well as people relocating into the New York area for the first time. The biggest growth is from people looking to escape Manhattan looking for a better value."

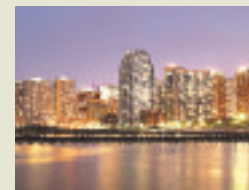
While neighboring Hoboken has earned its reputation as a hub for young professionals, new zoning laws may ex-



► The 422-unit 18 Park is slated to open in 2013 in Jersey City.

tend the ability for Jersey City to develop a stronger nightlife scene, and trendy restaurants such as Thirty Acres (from a former Momofuku vet) are breathing life into the area for when its finance residents come home across the river. For those

who fear prices will be driven up and the area will become "Manhattanized," it should be mentioned that Jersey City was the home of a "Jersey Shore" spin-off for five weeks — and if it's Jersey enough for Snooki, it's Jersey enough for anyone.



NJ's own High Line

The High Line has been a source of burgeoning tourist and real estate activity with views of the Hudson — and N.J. — and it's looking like Jersey City could be building something similar on the other side of the river. A 27-foot-high, 100-foot-wide structure, the Harsimus Stem Embankment on Sixth Street, is planned as the potential site of a landscaped park to run to the shores of the river.

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Uptick in residential deals as stock market rallies

With the stock market posting its best first quarter in 14 years, real estate agents and brokers are beaming about the effect it's having on interest, sales volume and open-house attendance in their day-to-day business, despite little data to definitively confirm a causal relationship between the performance of stocks and the real estate market.

The success of the Standard & Poor's 500-stock index, which was up 3.3 percent year-over-year for March and 12 percent for the first quarter compared to the first quarter of 2011, is having a direct impact on the number of calls brokers receive, they say. Meanwhile, the brokers claim, the decreasing threat of a European collapse is boosting confidence in the real estate market.

When people see their portfolios rise, says Gary Malin, president of Citi Habitats, "their confidence goes up and they think maybe they can

stretch a little further. For some people, it's their guide on how to transact."

At the beginning of this month, Fredrik Eklund, a broker with Prudential Douglas Elliman, put seven units totaling \$24 million into contract in eight days, he says, attributing the rush in sales to how buyers responded to the positive news about the stock market and the onset of tax season.

Elliman's Eklund Gomes Group, which Eklund co-heads with partner John Gomes, even adds stock exchange tickers for New York, London and Stockholm on the group's website to capitalize on the psychological impact the positive figures are having.

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Buyer confidence

Other brokers agree that the rallying of stocks is having a direct impact on their amount of business.

"During the period of big fluctuations in the latter part of 2011, buyers were a little skittish," says Sonia Stock, a senior vice president at Elliman. "Generally speaking,

however, the recovery of the stock markets over the last couple of years has benefited sales activity. Obviously, the recovery of the financial services industry has helped, especially in Lower Manhattan." She joked: "When the stock market is good, that's when I start kicking off my high heels and putting on my [sneakers], because that's when I begin to do more and more business."



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A Caribbean

► Designer Malene Barnett has converted a Brooklyn townhouse into a far-flung retreat ► She gives us a tour

Malene Barnett, the talent behind the New York-based carpet company Malene B, dreams of one day moving to the Caribbean. "I haven't picked my island yet. So until I do, I want to live in an environment that makes me feel like I'm already there," she says. Her home has a warm, calm and beachy look that stands out on a block of red-brick buildings. The island feeling literally greets you at her turquoise-colored door.

"It's my favorite color. I love that I get to see it every day. It's also unique because I'm the only one on my block with that kind of door," she says.

She achieved the look by filling her home with creative plays on texture, African con-



► Check out Malene Barnett's custom, handmade carpets at www.maleneb.com.

The rundown

- **Name:** Malene Barnett
- **Occupation:** Principal and Design Director of Malene B, a custom carpet company
- **The space:** A large and bright two-bedroom duplex within a Brooklyn town house
- **The city:** Brooklyn, N.Y.

temporary art, crafts collected during her travels and a range of textiles — all against a calm backdrop of the palest blues and white. "Each piece has a story that reminds me of my trips abroad," she says.

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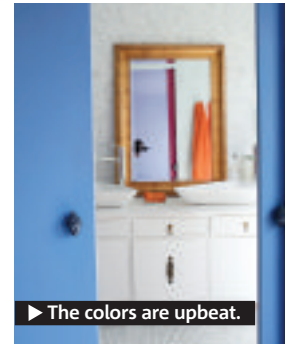
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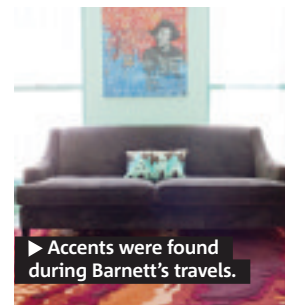


► This beachy oasis can be found in the heart of Brooklyn.

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► The colors are upbeat.



► Accents were found during Barnett's travels.

In the details



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1 The teal-stained wood floors
"I love how they make you feel like you're walking on water," Barnett says.

2 The West African door knobs
"They're unique because they look as if they were handcrafted years ago. But I bought them at a local hardware store in Manhattan."



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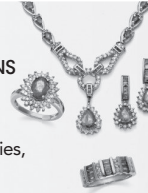
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